

Town Hall News July 2026

The Future of our Pool

Council is proud to support this summer's initiative to make access to the Mahone Bay Pool free for our community and to offer a refund at Town Hall to residents of Mahone Bay when they enroll their children in group swimming lessons at the pool.

This summer is about access, so every child, family, and neighbour has an opportunity to enjoy a safe, welcoming place to swim. We hope newcomers find their way to the pool too.

We know that recreation plays an important role in community well-being and an outdoor pool is more than just a place to cool off, it is where water-confidence is built, friendships are formed, and memories are made. By opening the pool to everyone this summer, we are investing in those shared experiences that help strengthen the fabric of our town.

This initiative is also about building a clearer picture of our future. The Mahone Bay Pool has served the community well, but it is nearing the end of its life. As Council considers what comes next, we need to understand how important this facility is to residents today.

By encouraging as many people as possible to use and enjoy the pool, we can better measure community interest, participation, and support. That information is essential as we look at accessing the need for a recreation strategy for Mahone Bay. A thoughtful strategy will help guide decisions about where and how to invest in recreation infrastructure so that it reflects the needs and priorities of our town.

The level of engagement we see at the pool this summer will inform the Town's approach to its replacement and the continuation of public swimming in Mahone Bay for future generations. Should you wish to get involved or make a donation, please connect with staff at projects@townofmahonebay.ca.

We are encouraged by the Province's commitment of \$1 million toward a future pool, but we also know that strong local participation and enthusiasm are key to moving a project like this forward.

We invite everyone to get outside, enjoy the pool, and help shape what recreation in Mahone Bay can look like for years to come.

Deputy Mayor Joe Feeney



THE EDGEWATER PROJECT

You're Invited

Plans are coming together for the official opening of Edgewater, and everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate this transformative community achievement on August 4, 5 - 8 p.m.

Years in the making, this major infrastructure investment has brought a long-envisioned project to life. The Edgewater Project brings lasting benefits to our community, including a cleaner harbour environment through straight pipe removal, an expanded Living Shoreline that supports a rehabilitated wildlife corridor, protection of our three iconic churches, a popular active transportation route enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, accessible green and recreational spaces, and new roads supported by significant upgrades to water, wastewater, storm surge, and electrical infrastructure.

We want this occasion to be more than an opening ceremony, we'd love to see it become a town-wide celebration. Local organizations, community groups, and businesses interested in getting involved are encouraged to reach out with ideas, activities, or ways to participate. E-mail projects@townofmahonebay.ca.

Businesses are also encouraged to consider extending their hours or hosting special promotions, after-hours shopping, or a Supper, Sip & Shop experience. The Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Mahone Bay can work together to help promote activities taking place throughout town during the afternoon and evening of August 4.

Let's extend the August long weekend and come together to celebrate our partnerships, and community spirit that made the Edgewater Project possible. This celebration is for everyone!

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Lunenburg County Wheels

Getting around western Lunenburg County is made easy by Lunenburg County Wheels, a community transportation service that helps people stay connected to work, appointments, shopping, social activities, and more.

With convenient door-to-door service, riders are picked up and dropped off at their destinations with no waiting on the corner required. The service area covers Mahone Bay, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, as well as the towns of Bridgewater and Lunenburg.

Lunenburg County Wheels is also affordable, with one-way fares of just \$2.50 for in-town trips, \$5 between Mahone Bay and Lunenburg, and \$7.50 between Mahone Bay and Bridgewater.

Booking a ride is simple.

Call 902-523-4455

Monday to Friday between

8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Be ready with your contact information, destination, travel time, and any special requirements. Payment is accepted by exact cash or cheque at pickup, making this a very accessible and convenient transportation option.



Heritage Recognition Award

On June 10, Bayview Community School student Kale Vincent shared his project, Lost Landmarks of Mahone Bay, with the Heritage Advisory Committee. His project explored buildings and structures in Mahone Bay that are no longer standing and highlighted their importance to the town's history.

Kale was recognized for his work, receiving the Youth Award at the Heritage Recognition Awards from the Mahone Bay Museum. Thank you, Kale, for sharing your project with the Heritage Advisory Committee, and congratulations on this well-deserved award!



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Clearland Service Extension

Great news, Edgewater's newly paved roads and parking areas are now fully open to traffic! While there will no doubt be further instances of traffic control on Edgewater before everything is complete, these interruptions are expected to be limited.

The final phase of the Edgewater Project began Monday, June 22. This work extends water, sewer, and electrical infrastructure along Clearland Road opening up new housing potential in this area.

The Dynamite Trail parking lot will remain accessible via Clearway, but there will be no through route to Edgewater. To reduce congestion, trail users are encouraged to park at the Wye/Welcome trail intersection instead.

Work is expected to be completed by August 1. We appreciate your patience and will continue to share updates as the project progresses.



EV Charging Pilot Program

The Town has extended its EV Charging Pilot Program for an additional year, providing eligible EV owners with a \$25 monthly electricity bill credit in exchange for sharing charging data. This information will help shape future time-of-use electricity rates that encourage charging when local renewable energy sources are available. Visit the Town's Climate & Sustainability webpage or contact: chris.davison@townofmahonebay.ca.

An EV Carshare Open House will be held at the Community Rm. at the Fire Hall on Wednesday, July 22 from 6-7 p.m.

Green Initiatives

Come join us starting at the Fire Station on July 24th at 1 p.m. for an afternoon stroll with the Invasive Species Council of Nova Scotia to discuss invasive species and preventing their spread! Questions can be sent to gabbie.myers@townofmahonebay.ca.

The Town of Mahone Bay is organizing a bulk purchase of rain barrels. You can order yours by visiting rainbarrel.ca by July 9. Pickups are scheduled for July 13 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) and July 14 (4–6 p.m.) at the Fire Station. For details, contact jamie.cox@townofmahonebay.ca.

The Judges Are Coming!

We're preparing to welcome two Communities in Bloom (CiB) judges, Larry Hall and Susan Ellis, to Mahone Bay July 21-23. Our local CiB committee will show them the best of our town - our remarkable people and our incredible achievements.

The CiB-MB group represents many community organizations collaborating since 2024 for the shared goal of enriching our community.



We have so many fantastic things to show and tell Larry and Susan: Edgewater Project, Faerie Trails, great community projects, hundreds of new trees, updated municipal planning documents, and many more things that represent the constantly bubbling passion that makes great things happen here.

The judges will focus on seven categories from environmental actions to heritage conservation to horticulture to community appearance: they'll particularly notice community involvement and curbside appeal.

We're eager to hear their feedback and suggestions about enhancing the sustainability and beauty of our town.

Best Small Town in Canada

If you've visited the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce website recently, you may have noticed something new. The MBTCC has launched updated branding and a refreshed website, making it easier than ever for your visiting family and friends and local businesses to connect with everything Mahone Bay has to offer.

The MBTCC is a non-profit, member-funded organization that promotes Mahone Bay as a destination while supporting the local business community. With support from the Town they also operate the Visitor Information Centre at 165 Edgewater Street, a valuable resource for visitors looking for recommendations, local information, and inspiration during their stay.

For local businesses, the Chamber provides networking opportunities, advocacy, and marketing support, including access to the "Best Small Town" branding and member showcase opportunities at the Visitor Information Centre.



So, whether you are hosting visitors or looking to grow your business locally, the MBTCC offers resources to help. Interested in learning more about Chamber membership and marketing opportunities for your business? Visit mahonebay.com to explore the new website and learn more about the Mahone Bay Tourism & Chamber of Commerce.

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Tick Aware, Water Wise, and Wildfire Ready

Summers on the South Shore are delightful, but there are three important things to keep in mind. First, be tick aware.

Use insect repellent, wear light-coloured clothing, check yourself and your



pets for ticks after being outdoors, and shower within two hours. Second, be water-wise. Hot, dry weather means water is a valuable resource, so avoid wasting it and make conservation a habit. Third, be wildfire ready. Clear dry vegetation around your home, have an emergency plan and kit, and stay informed about fire alerts during hot, dry, and windy conditions.

Join our Team at the Town

The Town of Mahone Bay is hiring a Manager of Finance, a Public Works Technician, an Apprentice Powerline Technician, and a Customer Service Clerk.

For job descriptions and application details visit: www.townofmahonebay.ca/employment-opportunities.

Organizational fit and enthusiasm for the town are as important as technical competency.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 10 - Cemetery Committee - 9am

July 10 - Finance Committee - 10am

July 14 - Council (9 a.m.)

July 27 - Policy and Strategy Committee

July 30 - Council (7 p.m.)/

Police Advisory Board

Join our community engagement platform at www.getonboardmahonebay.ca to stay updated and share your input on key projects, bylaws, and policies shaping our Town.